



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HORI, et al  
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For: LIPID METABOLISM IMPROVING AGENT  
Group: 1615  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 2, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 18, 42 and 43 as follows:

*B1*  
18. (twice amended) A method for improving the cholesterol metabolism of an animal which comprises administering to the animal a protein/phospholipid complex or protein hydrolyzate/phospholipid complex containing 20 - 50 wt% of bound phospholipid, wherein said protein is wheat protein or soybean protein.